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SY CHANNEL

SY PLEASE PASS INFO TO AG/SEC, AID/W

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT USAID CAIRO DIRECTOR'S RESIDENCE

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1815 HOURS, MAY 5, 1977, MRS. DONALD S. BROWN, WIFE OF CAIRO'S USAID DIRECTOR, HER SON AND MAID WERE WORKING IN THEIR KITCHEN PREPARING FOR A SOCIAL FUNCTION TO BE GIVEN THAT EVENING. AT THAT TIME, THEY ALL "SENSED A SUDDEN MOVEMENT" OF A PIECE OF METAL ENTERING THE ROOM AND BOUNCING OFF THE FAR WALL OF THE KITCHEN AND RICOCHETTING TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE KITCHEN ON THE FLOOR. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY DISCOVERED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SPENT SLUG OF A 22-LONG CALIBER BULLET. WHILE NOT BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY IMPACT MARKS IN THE KITCHEN, IT'S MOST LIKELY THE ROUND ENTERED THROUGH THE OPEN KITCHEN DOOR FROM THE SIDE TERRACE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO A UN BILLET. NO ONE AROUND BROWN RESIDENCE HEARD SHOT FIRED.

2. THE POLICEMAN STATIONED AT THE BROWN RESIDENCE ASSURED BROWN THAT HE HAD NOT ACCIDENTLY DISCHARGED HIS WEAPON, BUT SPECULATED TO BROWN THAT THE GUARDS AT THE UN BILLET, WHO HAVE BEEN KNOWN IN THE PAST TO HAVE ACCIDENTAL WEAPON DISCHARGES,
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MAY HAVE ACCIDENTALLY FIRED THE ROUND. HOWEVER, THE POLICEMAN HAD NOT SEEN ANY GUARDS DURING HIS SHIFT WHO WERE MISHANDLING THEIR WEAPONS.

3. RSO GAVE COPY OF ABOVE REPORT TO MININT POLICE CONTACT WHO ASSURED RSO THAT POLICE WOULD DISCREETLY INVESTIGATE INCIDENT AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE EMBASSY. POLICEMAN

SPECULATED IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE RESIDING NEAR BROWN
MAY HAVE ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED PERSONALLY-OWNED WEAPON.
POLICE OFFICIAL DID NOT FEEL THERE WAS ANY REASON TO
BELIEVE THIS INCIDENT WAS RESULT OF TERRORIST ACTION
TARGETTING ANYONE AT BROWN RESIDENCE.

4. POST WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM POLICE.
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